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ATTN: Harbor Comments
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I don't want business and recreation activity in Portland Harbor to be disrupted for years to come, as will be the case if the EPA is allowed to move forward with their current plan to clean the Willamette. The effects of this plan are bad for all of us. We need our shipbuilders, our businesses, our residents and tourists to be able to access the harbor area. This is an important area for our city. We'd be better off increasing job security, not risking it on this kind of project.

Obviously, we don't want to dig up the river and disperse more contaminants into the water. If the river is healing itself already, there are more targeted environmental approaches we can take in this situation. The EPA needs to re-evaluate the river and account for the changes that have already taken place rather than going off of old data and ignoring the updates.

The cost for this project is excessive. Why should we spend the money on this when the results will be worse than what we already have? When you're retired you live on a limited income. Every time taxes go up, it hurts us. We don't need taxes to go up anymore. We already pay more than we should in taxes, and in reality we need to reduce them, not create unnecessary reasons to raise them.

Bureaucrats don't come to look and see what the problems actually are, and we know this from other significant problems we face in our neighborhoods. They're not even looking into the situation. They are back in Washington D.C., and they can't make a good judgment about what's really going on and what priorities we should set. I've lived in Portland for nearly 40 years, and I want to see positive changes happen. This plan is not the way to make positive changes, it will only hurt the people in our area.

Sincerely,
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